



December 4, 2021

Dear Fellow Retiree,

2021 was another tough year for the Baltimore Gas & Electric Retirees' Association (BGERA). In January we began planning and had high hopes to gather for the March Bull Roast. The Bull Roast was canceled due to the vaccines just being released and in limited quantities. The risk was too great so the Executive Committee met virtually and started planning an outdoor Bull Roast and Crab Feast for September. The response was wonderful and over 550 people were planning to attend. Unfortunately a variant of Covid appeared in the summer and BGERA along with BGE Home both cancelled their September events. With the Covid Vaccine now requiring a booster shot to increase effectiveness we eventually found it necessary to cancel all remaining events for 2021.

As a result, we are extending the membership of all 2020 paid members and new members that paid in 2021 for another year. If you have paid your dues either year, your membership will now expire on January 31st 2023. (Our membership year runs from February 1st to January 31st of the following year).

During the upcoming year, we will continue to monitor the COVID situation and plan to start scheduling events when it is deemed safe to do so. We hope that with our members being vaccinated and followed up with the booster shot greatly decreases our risk of transmitting Covid. Walmart and most places that sell prescriptions can provide shots at no cost.

The 2022 Bull & Oyster Roast, held at the Timonium Fairgrounds has been scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2022. We have moved the event from the 4H building to the Exhibition Hall. This is a much larger building that will allow better social distancing. The Committee will also be planning a General Membership Meeting. These events are "free" for paid members of BGERA. In the past, we have organized single and multiple day bus trips. Every year prior to Covid, cruises and longer length events were planned more than a year in advance. As we are able to schedule events for 2022, we will notify members by mail and by updates on our website.

Our website (www.bgeretirees.com) makes it easier for our members to find information. At this time we cannot accept applications for membership or payments for our trips via the website. We are able to accept electronic responses via the website in regards to attending our General Membership Meetings which is more convenient for some of our members. We also added the ability to access information concerning volunteer opportunities through BGE for our members. A note to new members, you can access the website for the first time by using the last 5 digits of your EMPLOYEE NUMBER as the user ID and your LAST NAME (in caps) as the password. Once you sign in for the first time, you need to change your password to one unique to you.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee Officers, Committee members, our Past Presidents – Bruce Birkhead, Bernie Maygers, Al Moreau and Terry Gerard. I also want to thank our Honorary Member, Neal Siebold and our website administrator Tom Ferrara for all their hard work. We are continuing to plan future events and looking forward to the day we can safely enjoy events together again.

If you are currently a member, we thank you for your support. If you are not a member or know other retirees who are not members, we encourage you and them to join. In order to join for the first time, simply complete

the application at the bottom of this letter and return it, along with your check or money order for the \$25.00 Annual Dues made payable to BGERA and mail to:

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Remember, membership for current paid members for 2020 and 2021 has been extended to January 31st 2023.

Jim Hock

President 2021-2022

BGERA Dues Payment – 2022

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